

Listing of Claims

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Please amend claims 14, 23 and 24 as indicated below.

1. (Previously Presented) An automobile molding provided with a molding main body which has a design face, which will face the outside, and a reverse face, which will face the car body side, when the molding is attached to a car body; a fastener holder which is formed to said reverse face of said molding main body; and a fastener which is held in place by said fastener holder to fasten said molding main body to the car body; wherein:

said fastener holder is provided with at least two lateral walls projecting up from said reverse face of said molding main body to form sides of said fastener holder, excluding an opening maintained on one side of said fastener holder, a fastener mounting seat that connects the lateral walls, defining a housing space which will permit a base plate of said fastener to be inserted, and engage-and-stop portions formed in said lateral walls that are adjacent said opening;

said fastener is provided with an engaging portion which projects upright from said base plate and is configured to engage in a mounting hole in the car body, and a pair

of extending elastic pieces having protruding portions, wherein said elastic pieces extend from the base plate and engage with said fastener holder to secure said fastener thereto, the projecting ends of said elastic pieces being free; and

an insertion groove is formed in said fastener mounting seat of said fastener holder, the end of said engaging portion which projects out from said base plate being inserted into this insertion groove and this insertion groove being formed to communicate with the aforementioned opening of said fastener holder;

wherein the protruding portions that project out from said elastic pieces can engage with said engage-and-stop portions of said fastener in a releasable manner from inside said housing space.

2. (Original) An automobile molding according to claim 1, characterized in that said engage-and-stop portions are formed by means of engaging holes that are formed passing through the lateral walls of said fastener holder that are adjacent to said opening of said fastener holder.

3. (Original) An automobile molding according to claim 2, wherein said engaging holes are cut into said fastener mounting seat from the lateral walls of said fastener holder that are adjacent to said opening of said fastener holder.

4. (Original) An automobile molding according to claim 1, wherein protrusions for coming into contact with said fastener mounting seat on said housing

space side are provided on opposite sides of said base plate at positions such that they will each come into contact with said fastener mounting seat on either side of said insertion groove.

5. (Original) An automobile molding according to claim 4, wherein said protrusions that are provided on opposite sides of said base plate are formed as ridges that extend along the direction of insertion of said base plate into said housing space.

6. (Previously Presented) An automobile molding according to claim 1, wherein protrusions for coming into contact with said base plate of said fastener are provided projecting out from either side of said insertion groove in said fastener mounting seat.

7. (Original) An automobile molding according to claim 1, wherein extending portions are formed to the free ends of said elastic pieces that extend from said opening to the outside of said fastener holder when said fastener is inserted into said fastener holder.

8. (Original) An automobile molding according to claim 1, wherein engaging workpieces are formed at the free ends of said elastic pieces for engaging with a releasing tool, which performs a releasing operation on the engagement of said protruding portions of said elastic pieces with said engage-and-stop portions by

elastically deforming the elastic pieces so that the elastic pieces are brought closer to one another.

9. (Original) An automobile molding according to claim 1, wherein when said base plate is inserted into and housed in said housing space, said elastic pieces on opposite sides of said base plate are biased from inside said housing space toward both lateral walls adjacent to said opening of said fastener holder as a result of their own elasticity.

10. (Previously Presented) An automobile molding according to claim 1, wherein said engaging portion is provided with a trunk which is provided upright on said base plate; engaging claws which are formed to the end of the trunk which projects from said base plate and are configured to engage in a mounting hole in the car body; and a cover which projects out so as to extend over the area around said trunk in between said engaging claws and the end of said trunk that projects upright from said base plate, and which is pressed against the car body and covers said mounting hole when said engaging portion is engaged in said mounting hole of the car body, wherein:

said fastener is designed so that said fastener mounting seat is held between said base plate and said base end of said cover that projects out from said trunk, when said base plate is inserted into said housing space of said fastener holder.

11. (Original) An automobile molding according to claim 10, wherein

protrusions are provided to the base end of said cover that projects out from said trunk, for coming into contact with said fastener mounting seat.

12. (Original) An automobile molding according to claim 10, wherein protrusions are provided on both sides of said insertion groove in said fastener mounting seat for coming into contact with the base end of said cover which projects out from said trunk.

13. (Original) An automobile molding according to claim 10, wherein the base plate of said fastener is designed so as to be housed in said housing space in a state such that there is clearance between it and the reverse face of said molding main body.

14. (Currently Amended) A fastener for fastening a molding main body to a car body which is held in place by a fastener holder that projects out from a reverse face of a molding main body that has a design face that will face the outside and a reverse face that will face the inside of a car when the fastener holder is attached to a car body, the fastener being provided with:

a base plate;

an engaging portion that projects upright from the base plate and is configured to engage in a mounting hole in the car body; and

a pair of extending elastic pieces provided on and extending from said base plate and having protruding portions thereon, projecting ends of the pair of said elastic pieces

being free;

wherein said base plate and pair of said elastic pieces are capable of being inserted into a housing space inside said fastener holder via an opening that is formed at one end of said fastener holder; ~~and~~

wherein said protruding portions are formed on said elastic pieces for being capable of engaging with engage-and-stop portions that are formed in lateral walls that are adjacent to said opening of said fastener holder in a releasable manner on the inside of said housing space; and

wherein parts of said elastic pieces are exposed from said fastener holder when said baseplate and said pair of said elastic pieces are inserted into said housing space so as to be operable from outside to cause said elastic pieces to deform and disengage from said engage-and-stop portions.

15. (Previously Presented) A fastener according to claim 14, wherein protrusions capable of coming in contact with said fastener holder from the inside are provided on opposite sides of said base plate at positions on the base plate so that each is capable of coming in contact with a fastener mounting seat on either side of an insertion groove provided on said fastener holder.

16. (Previously Presented) A fastener according to claim 14, wherein extending portions that project beyond said opening to the outside of said fastener holder when said fastener is inserted into said fastener holder are formed at the free ends of said

elastic pieces.

17. (Previously Presented) A fastener according to claim 14, wherein said engaging portion is provided with a trunk which is provided upright on said base plate; engaging claws which are formed to the end of the trunk which projects from said base plate and is configured to engage in a mounting hole in the car body; and a cover which projects out so as to project over the area around said trunk in between said engaging claws and the end of said trunk that projects out from said base plate, and which is pressed against the car body and covers the mounting hole when the engaging portion is engaged in the mounting hole of the car body; and

said fastener is designed so that said fastener holder is held in between said base plate and the end of said cover that extends from said trunk, when said base plate is inserted into said fastener holder.

18. (Previously Presented) An automobile molding according to claim 2, wherein protrusions for coming into contact with said base plate of said fastener are provided projecting out from either side of said insertion groove in said fastener mounting seat.

19. (Previously Presented) An automobile molding according to claim 3, wherein protrusions for coming into contact with said base plate of said fastener are provided projecting out from either side of said insertion groove in said fastener

mounting seat.

20. (Previously Presented) An automobile molding according to claim 4, wherein protrusions for coming into contact with said base plate of said fastener are provided projecting out from either side of said insertion groove in said fastener mounting seat.

21. (Previously Presented) An automobile molding according to claim 5, wherein protrusions for coming into contact with said base plate of said fastener are provided projecting out from either side of said insertion groove in said fastener mounting seat.

22. (Previously Presented) An automobile molding according to claim 1, wherein said elastic pieces project in the direction of said base plate's trailing edge of insertion into said housing space.

23. (Currently Amended) A fastener according to claim 14, wherein said elastic pieces ~~project in the direction of said base plate's trailing edge of insertion into said housing space~~ **extend in parallel to said lateral walls of said fastener holder.**

24. (Currently Amended) A fastener for fastening a vehicle part to a car body which is held in place by a fastener holder that projects out from a reverse face of

said vehicle part, the vehicle part having an outer surface that will face the outside and a reverse face that will face the car body when the fastener holder is attached to a car body, the fastener being provided with:

a base plate;

an engaging portion that projects upright from the base plate and is configured to engage in a mounting hole in the car body; and

a pair of extending elastic pieces provided on and extending from said base plate and having protruding portions thereon, the pair of extending elastic pieces having free projecting ends;

wherein the base plate and the pair of elastic pieces are capable of being inserted into a housing space inside the fastener holder via an opening that is formed at one end of the fastener holder; ~~and~~ wherein the protruding portions on the elastic pieces are capable of engaging in a releasable manner with engage-and-stop portions that are formed in lateral walls adjacent to the opening of the fastener holder on the inside of the housing space; **and wherein parts of the elastic pieces are exposed from the fastener holder when the base plate and the pair of the elastic pieces are inserted into the housing space so as to be operable from outside to cause the elastic pieces to deform and disengage from the engage-and-stop portions.**

25. (Previously Presented) A fastener according to claim 24, further comprising protrusions on opposite sides of the base plate, each protrusion capable of coming in contact with a fastener mounting seat on either side of an insertion groove

provided on the inside of the fastener holder.

26. (Previously Presented) A fastener according to claim 24, further comprising extending portions formed at the free ends of the elastic pieces, wherein the extending portions are configured to project beyond the opening of the fastener holder to the outside when the fastener is inserted into the fastener holder.

27. (Previously Presented) A fastener according to claim 24, wherein the engaging portion further includes a trunk that projects from the base plate; engaging claws formed at the end of the trunk configured to engage in a mounting hole in the car body; and a cover extending from the trunk and disposed between the engaging claws and the base of the trunk such that when the fastener is pressed against the car body and the engaging portion is engaged in the mounting hole of the car body, the cover extends to cover the mounting hole; and

wherein the fastener is configured so that when the base plate is inserted into the fastener holder, the fastener holder is held between the base plate and the end of the cover extending from the trunk.

28. (Previously Presented) A fastener according to claim 24, wherein the elastic pieces project in the direction of the base plate's trailing edge of insertion into the housing space.